

**REMARKS**

This paper is in response to the official action mailed December 7, 2005. By the foregoing amendments, the applicants have withdrawn from consideration claims 41-57, without prejudice or disclaimer. The applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue any withdrawn or cancelled subject matter in continuing applications. Accordingly, the applicants elect Group II (claims 58-66) for continued prosecution in this application without traverse.

This paper is timely filed, as it is accompanied by a petition for a four-month extension of time and the requisite fee.

It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the examiner wish to discuss any matter of form or procedure in an effort to advance this application to allowance, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number.

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